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COORDINATING COMMITTEE

RECORD OF DISCUSSION

ON

ITEM 1016 - GRINDING HEADS AND SPINDLE ASSEMBLIES

9th December, 1959

Present: Belgium (Luxembourg), France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States.

References: COCOM Documents Nos. 3700.6 and .8, 3710.00/1, 3710.16/1, W.P.1016/1 and 2.

1. The GERMAN Delegate put forward a compromise suggestion that the cut-off should be fixed at 120,000 r.p.m.

2. The UNITED STATES Delegate stated that his authorities understood that machines of speeds as high as 120,000 r.p.m. were produced in the Bloc only in very small numbers and that indeed machines between the present cut-off of 80,000 and 120,000 r.p.m. were produced in the Bloc only in very small numbers. Although they did not share the strategic evaluation expressed by other Delegations, his Delegation were prepared in a spirit of compromise to agree to this proposal.

3. The FRENCH and ITALIAN Delegates welcomed the spirit of compromise shown by the United States Delegation and in the same spirit could accept the figure of 120,000 r.p.m.

CONCLUSION: The COMMITTEE noted that agreement had been reached to change the definition of Item 1016 to read as follows:

"Grinding heads and spindle assemblies (consisting of spindles and bearings as a minimal assembly) designed or rated for operation at speeds in excess of 120,000 r.p.m., and machines specially designed for the utilisation of such grinding heads."

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